FOR MYSORE STATE

DEVELOPMENT (195 2.) Department.

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G.O. No. 3195.

Dated 25th July 1952.

[Despatch Abstract.]

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.3195. Dated the 25th July 1952.

Read the following:--

Food and Agriculture (Food Production) Department Memorandum No.14268/52-3, F.P.VI C. dated 16-5-1952.

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ORDER:

The state Planning Committee at its meeting held on 16-4-1952 examined the whole position regarding the nature and extent of culturable waste lands available in the State, the measure of reclamation already done, the policy and methods to be followed etc. and made the following recommendations:--

(1) The actual survey of culturable waste and current fallows need not be congemplated for the whole State, but a Special Officer of the rank of a Deputy Collector may be appointed to collect and collate figures already available in the land records of the State;

(2) Village Karnams may be directed to report to the Collector on 1st March every year the extent of current fallows and uncultivated land for taking action under the Madras Land Utilisation Order;

(3) At the same time the Karnams may report to the Collector the culturable waste lands belonging to Government not required for community purposes for being assigned for cultivation according to such policy as Government may indicate from time to time;

(4) Lands will not be reclaimed at Government cost except in the backward areas;

(5) Reclamation of large tracts by mechanical means may be referred to the Commercial Tax Officer in order to ascertain if they can undertake this reclamation at cost less than that which Government will have to pay.

The Government have carefully examined thes suggestions and proceed to pass the following orders:--

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Items (1) and 66) above:-- Orders on these recommendations will be issued separately.

Item (2) above:- Orders have already been issued in Memo No.14268/52-3, P.P.VI G dated 16-5-1952.

Item (3) above:- The Government accept the suggestion of the committee and direct that the Collectors should issue necessary instructions in the matter and take steps to ensure the annual submission of the required particulars by the Karnams and action thereon.

Item (4) above:- The Government accept the suggestion of the Committee and direct that lands will not be reclaimed at Government cost except in the backward areas.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS)

J.M.Lobo Prabhu,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Board of Revenue (land revenue)
The Director of Agriculture.
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
The Accountant General, thro gh Finance Department.
Thro All Collectors.

Copy to:

Revenue, Food and Agriculture, Food and Agriculture (Food Production) and Rural welfare Departments.
R.II, G.II and R, Sections.

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Superintendent.

Kothandaraman. 28.11.

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Examined: A. Kumaraswamy 30.11.53

Ready: f.c. Sitalakshmi 30/11/53

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Development (P.& D.) Dept.

To A.S.

SUMMARY.

In July 1951 Secretary ordered that the whole position regarding the nature and extent of culturable lands available, the measure of reclamation already done and the policy and methods to be followed should be examined in an exhaustive note for consideration of the State Planning Committee. Accordingly a note on the survey of culturable waste lands and their utilisation was prepared embodying the views of Depts. of Sectt. concerned and was placed before the State Planning Committee for advice on the following points:--

(1) whether a thorough survey of the culturable waste and current fallows will be undertaken all over the State with a view to immediately increase the area of cultivation, availing of the offer of financial assistance by the Govt. of India;

(2) whether the village Karnams may be directed to report to the Collector on the 1st March every year the extent of current fallows of more than one year's standing andall uncultivated land except permanent pastures and land bearing miscellaneous trees for taking action under the Madras land Utilisation Order;

(3) (a) whether in future lands will be reclaimed at Govt. cost in the first instance and then assigned to colonists (the cost of reclamation being made the first charge on the lands);

lands);

or

whether this costly scheme of reclamation of lands at Govt. cost may be deferred for better times;

(b) If it is agreed that the prior reclamation should be done at Govt. cost, whether the lands in big blocks will be reclaimed by mechanical means instead of manual labour and in that case whether the lands in big blocks suggested by the Chairman, ~~Commercial Tax Officers~~ C.T.O. will be left to that organisation for reclamation; and

(4) whether in backward areas like the Agency tracts the cost of reclamation will be met by Govt. in the case of both hillmen and plainsmen to be settled there

or

whether this concession will be confined to hillmen only.

The following decisions were taken at the meeting of the State Planning Committee held on 16-4-1952 on the points raised at Pp. 25--26 above:--

(a) The actual survey of culturable waste and current fallows need not be contemplated for the whole State, but a Special Officer of the rank of a Deputy Collector may be appointed to collect and collate figures already available in the land records of the State,. The question of such appointment may be considered further and orders taken in circulation.

(b) Village Karnams may be directed to report to the Collr. on 1st March every year the extent of current fallows and uncultigated land for taking action under the Madras Land Utilisation Order.

(c) At the same time the Karnams may report the culturable waste lands belonging to Govt. not required for community purposes for being assigned for cultivation according to such policy as Govt. may indicate;

(d) Lands will not be reclaimed at Govt. cost except in the backward areas;

(e) Reclamation of large tracts by mechanical means may be referred to the G.T.O. in order to ascertain if they can undertake this reclamation at a cost less than that which Govt. will have to pay.

As regards suggestion (b) at 'T' on p.26 above, P.&A. (F.P) Dept. have taken separate action in the matter. Regarding suggestion (e) above, separate action has been taken. Action has also been taken separately regarding the suggestion (a) at & 'F' on p. 26 above.

This Dept. proposed that the recommendations of the State Planning Committee viz. (c) and (d) at 'R' on pp. 26-27 above might be accepted and orders issued accordingly. Rev. dept. have not offered definite views on this Dept.'s proposals. Fin. Dept. have agreed with this Dept.'s proposal.

The file may now be circulated for orders:

(1) whether the proposal that the Karnams should be asked to report to the Collectors of the districts on 1st March everyyear the culturable waste lands belonging to Govt. not required for community purposes for being assigned for cultivation according to such policy as Govt. may indicate from time to time; and

A | (2) Whether the proposal that the lands need not be reclaimed at Govt. cost except in backward areas will be approved as proposed by this Dept. and agreed to by Finance.

(Note from p. 25 above)

-- Ambikainathan, 4-7-52.

May agree to A

J.M. Lobo Prabhu, 4--7--52.

M. (L.R.) M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, 5--7--52.

M. (Agr.) S. Naganna gowda, 7--7--52.

M (Fin) C. Subramaniam, 8--7--52.

C.M. C. Rajagopalachari, 12-7-52.

To A.S.

Orders in circulation at 'A' on p. 27 above

A draft order is submitted below for approval.

C.R. 24-7-52. S.G.A. 24-7-52.

S.A. 24--7--52

J.M.L.P. 25--7--52.

(Issued as G.O.Ms.No.3195 Rev. dated 25--7--1952)

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Superintendent.

Kothandaraman. 28.11.

Extracted by A. Viswanathan 30/11/53